SOLE SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

FAR PART 13

Purchase Orders Over $10,000 but not Exceeding $250,000

Acquisitions that do not allow for competition to the maximum extent practicable must be documented in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). A Limited Sources Justification is required when soliciting fewer than three sources per FAR 13.104, or when using brand name descriptions per FAR 13.106-1(b)(1). A Limited Sources Justification is not required for brand name or equal procurements. Follow procedures at FAR PART 11.104.

Type of action: ☒ sole source acquisition ☐ brand-name

DAC Number: **D-26-SS-0066**	Estimated total amount:	Recurring Requirement: ☐ YES ☒ NO

☒ Delivery Date: 9/18/2026 ☐ Period of Performance:

Brief description of supplies or services required and the intended use:

The Laser is used to detect/develop latent prints on items of evidence. One Laser is needed to conduct friction ridge analysis at the DEA South Central Laboratory.

Summary of the facts and circumstances that support the determination that ☒ only one source is reasonably available to supply the required supplies or services, or ☐ only the specified brand-name items can satisfy the Government's need:

The DEA uses dye stains and amino acid developers that require LASER use for proper visualization and capture of developed fingerprint impressions. The dye stain and amino acid developer used requires a specific wavelength of 532nm, and an 8 watt output to achieve full fluorescence. Other brands do not offer LASERS that match the specifications needed to complete fingerprint evidence processing. Using a different brand or item would result in low quality work product; analysts would not be able to fully complete fingerprint processing on common evidence received at the laboratories. (i.e., non-porous evidence, porous evidence).

Describe in detail any market research conducted. Include results and state whether any vendors expressed interest:

A review of products offered by the below listed forensic light source providers did not find any comparable light sources to the Arrowhead Dual77 LASER. Each of the suppliers listed below offers forensic light sources that are not in a useable wavelength range for DEA fingerprint processing, or do not provide the necessary watt output for proper fluorescence of dye stain treated evidence.

www.foxfury.com
www.fosterfreeman.com
www.tritechforensics.com
www.coherent.com
www.sirchie.com
www.forenscope.com

The Contracting Officer hereby determines that, due to the circumstances of this procurement:

☒ Only one source is deemed to be reasonably available.

☐ Only the specified brand-name item will satisfy the Government's need. For orders exceeding $25,000, this Limited Source Justification shall be made available together with the solicitation and posted on the Contract Opportunities page on the Governmentwide Point of Entry (SAM.gov) in accordance with FAR 5.101(a)(1).

☐ The Contracting Officer certifies that an order for the supplies or services will not be placed unless the price is found to be fair and reasonable.

Signature and title of customer	Office Code	Telephone Number	Date
Signature and title of contract specialist	Office Code	Telephone Number	Date
Signature of contracting officer	Office Code	Telephone Number	Date